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What's new?

Freshmen adjust to college life

by Pat Reeves

"What floor is room 308 on?" "What time do we have to be back in the dorms?" "Will the housekeeper vacuum our rooms?" Sound familiar? They should. They are all questions that freshman ask sooner or later. Freshmen take a lot of abuse from upperclassmen because of their seemingly stupid questions and novice antics.

The most common mistakes freshmen commit are walking into the wrong classroom or not knowing where the buildings are. To help new students find their way around campus, student leaders assisted with freshmen orientation, which included a picnic, dance and Playfair.

A new addition to freshmen orientation, Playfair was a large group ice breaker conducted by Andy Mozenter, an administrator from Penn State. New students along with student leaders played group games and danced in Lamkin Gym where the hot summer temperature was intensified. Sharon Ferguson, hall

director of North Complex, said, "Playfair was the neatest thing. Even as hot as it was, people had a great time." Kris Walkers, a freshman from Fremont, Neb., said, "At first, everybody just stood around talking to each other and at the end, everybody just got weird, even the upperclassmen. Another freshman, Suzanne Red from Platte City, said this orientation was better than Senior Day or summer orientation.

Several freshmen said one way they hide their novelty is to act cool. One freshman said she looked around to find out where the buildings were at the dance. She added that if she is walking towards a building and realizes it is the wrong one, she doesn't turn around, she walks around the building hoping no one will notice. To avoid some abuse, freshmen stick together and figure things out on their own without asking upperclassmen for help.

The freshman class was not the only thing new on campus with the

beginning of school. This year's freshmen were introduced to the new computer system used for registering and verifying which began this summer. For most people the new system made the verification process faster. Jackie Green, a sophomore transfer student from Des Moines, Iowa said, "I liked the verification process, except when the computer messed up." Dr. John Mees, vice-president for student development said, "After 1 p.m. Thursday, students could get their books and verify in 15 minutes."

This is also the first year Owens Library is open for the full year. Most freshman thought the new library was nice. Susan Ogle, a freshman from Independence said, "It's nice, but I get lost."

The new academic restructuring went into effect July 1, 1983. The divisions have now been arranged into seven schools and colleges: Agriculture and Applied Science; Business and Government; Communication; Education; Fine Arts

and Humanities; Science, Math and Computer Science; and Graduate.

Not only is the academic structure new, the Bearcats football team has a little restructuring too this season with a new football coach. Vern Thomsen, the former head coach at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa, lead his team to a 27-25 victory over Morningside College in the season opener.

Although the freshmen aren't the only new people on campus they still take a lot of abuse, but it's all in fun. Even seniors were freshmen once too. The freshmen may try to act cool, but it's not hard to spot them. On the first day of class, they're usually dressed up and carrying all their books. In the cafeteria line, they're the ones who take the display meal on the counter. When they talk in the intercom, they press the button every time they speak. Freshmen never fear. "Always remember, you'll outgrow it soon!"

Northwest student killed in Nodaway County jail

by Alan Cross

On the morning of July 3, 1983, the body of Wallace N. Morgan, a student at Northwest Missouri State University, was found face down in his own blood in a Nodaway County jail cell. Morgan had been beaten to death.

Four men have been charged in the beating death. They are Thomas A. McClurg, Michael L. Bears, Rodney A. Pankau, all of Maryville and Harry L. Justus Jr. of Skidmore. Like Morgan, the four were inmates in the cell.

Morgan, who was from Nigeria, was serving time for assaulting a NWMSU student on January 27. He was tried on March 18 and was given a 60-day suspended sentence and placed on probation.

As a stipulation to his probation, however, Morgan was required to spend two concurrent weekends in the Nodaway County jail as shock detention.

Morgan served his first weekend on June 24-26 and began his last on July 1 at 5 p.m. He was killed during the early morning hours of July 3.

It is not clear exactly what happened that night. McClurg and Justus gave different accounts in two separate preliminary hearings. Bears and Pankau have yet to testify.

The one thing that both McClurg and Justus agree on is that Morgan was beaten four separate times during the night.

According to McClurg's testimony, neither of the inmates called for jailers to get help for Morgan after the beatings. Justus testified that they did.

McClurg also said that after the fourth beating, the other inmates carried Morgan back to his cell and left him face up on the floor. Justus said

Morgan protected himself

by Alan Cross

The Wallace Morgan tragedy began more than seven months before his untimely death. It began with Morgan's reaction to what he felt was a hopeless situation.

Morgan was arrested on Jan. 27 for assaulting another student on campus. According to sources closest to Morgan, he was only reacting to the constant harassment from that student.

"They would play their stereos loud whenever they knew he was studying and would pound on his door at all hours of the night," a friend of Morgan's said.

that Morgan walked to his cell on his own accord.

The beatings took place in an open area in the cell where inmates eat and watch TV. The inmates do have individual cells where they sleep, however, the doors to the cells do not lock so Morgan did not have any place to go that offered protection from the beatings.

Justus testified that Morgan yelled only once for help and that was after the fourth beating. McClurg said Morgan had called for help each time he was beaten.

On September 9, the four men were arraigned and trial dates were set. Justus pleaded not guilty to a charge of Class A felony murder in the second degree. He was originally charged with Class A felony Capital murder. Justus was released to the custody of the sheriff and bond was set for \$75,000. His hearing is set for Dec. 19 at 9 a.m.

McClurg also pleaded not guilty to the same offense. McClurg's hearing is set for 9 a.m. Dec. 20. He was also released to the custody of the sheriff and his bond was set at \$75,000.

Both Bears and Pankau will be tried for Class A felony Capital murder. Both men pleaded not guilty.

Pankau's trial is set for Nov. 29 at 9 a.m. and Bears' trial was slated to begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 19. A bond hearing for both men will be held on Sept. 23 at 2 p.m.

If McClurg and Justus are found guilty, they face the possibility of serving 10 years to life in the state penitentiary. If Bears and Pankau are convicted, the only sentence they can receive is life and will be eligible for parole only after serving 50 years.

Morgan protected himself

by Alan Cross

Morgan apparently tried going to the Resident Assistants and to other school officials, but these outlets did not cease the constant harassment.

Then on Jan. 27, after a couple of months of noise and pressure, Morgan came out of his room and grabbed one of the students that had been harassing him and waved a letter opener in front of the student.

The letter opener looked like a small dagger, the police were called in and Morgan was arrested.

"Morgan had dealt with the harassment long enough and he

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Company gives NWMSU \$419,000 livestock market

by Teresa Schuelke

The Northwest Alumni Loyalty Fund has received the largest donation in the University's history. The John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company donated the Midstates Livestock Auction Market, surrounding land and other facilities on June 30.

Clarendon G. Richert, vice-president of agricultural investment for the company, signed the deed and presented it to Mildred M. Loch, president of the Loyalty Fund. The Loyalty Fund is a non-profit organization that supports the University's academic programs and services.

Alfred McKemy, Hardin, Mo., and president of the University's Board of Regents responded to the gift.

"As we look to the future, it is imperative that agriculture become more efficient, whether it be in raising crops, livestock or in conservation of our most important natural resource--the soil," he said. "Urban sprawl, increased population and the inevitable wasting of our soil demand no less."

The former market, located north on Highway 71, includes more than 124,000 square feet of pens, offices, a restaurant, water supply facilities, two 7,000 square foot livestock barns, a 4,000 square foot storage shed and two collection ponds. The property is valued at nearly \$419,000.

The insurance company purchased the property at a public auction last

fall following a foreclosure action. Unable to sell the property because of a slow market, the John Hancock Company decided to reduce the loss on the property and to gain a tax deduction by giving it to a non-profit organization.

The Loyalty Fund was recommended out of two other organizations to receive the donation. The decision was made last May.

This donation will allow Northwest to aid in public service by making the sale barn available to the public. It gives the University a physical facility which was designed to handle livestock in a controlled environment, said Robert Henry, public relations officer for the school.

The auction barn, now known as the John Hancock Research Facility, will increase regional agricultural service that affects Northwest Missouri and the four state region, added Dr. Robert Bush, vice-president for environmental services.

No definite plans for the use of the property have been made yet. Ideas include using it as a research center, as a center for conferences, leasing it for livestock auctions and shows.

The Environmental Services Department is asking for ideas on uses of the facilities. Anyone with a self-supporting idea may send it to Dr. Robert Bush, vice-president for environmental services, NWMSU, Maryville, Missouri, 64468.

MACE awards presented to staff, faculty

by Noreen Lupardus

Four members of the faculty and staff of Northwest Missouri State University were presented Master Achievement Citations for Excellence (MACE) at the fall semester faculty and staff meeting Aug. 24.

Dr. B. D. Owens, University president, presented the MACE awards to Dr. Richard Frucht, assistant professor of history, for teaching; Dr. Milton Bruening, associate professor of biology, for research; Marilyn Alloway, lead operator in computing services, and Dixie Hasty, textbook service supervisor, for service as members of the staff.

In making the presentations, Dr. Owens said the awards commended faculty and staff members who "During the past academic year experienced and displayed unusually high levels of achievement."

The MACE awards, initiated in 1979 by authority of the Board of Regents, carry \$1,000 grants to the recipients.

In presenting the award to Dr. Frucht for his outstanding work in the classroom, Dr. Owens said Dr. Frucht "has quickly and solidly become one of this University's most sought-after teachers by the student body."

Frucht, who joined the faculty here four years ago, is a former Fulbright Scholar who spent a year studying in Romania. At NWMSU he has taught

German, French, Russian and Middle East History.

Last summer he took a group of 18 people, including 11 NWMSU students, on a 16-day trip through Russia with stops at Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev and Tallinn, Estonia.

"We tried to see as much of Russian society as possible," said Dr. Frucht, "experiencing history and present conditions as well."

Travel is important to a teacher as well as students, he said. "Nothing can be more valuable. You see things that widen your horizons and it comes out in your classroom teaching."

Dr. Frucht admits he was surprised when he won the award, but says he has no special theories for teaching. "I try to teach in the manner I liked when I was in school," he said.

The students at NWMSU enjoy his method. One of his students said, "Dr. Frucht is so interested in what he's teaching, he makes you interested, too."

"I'm sure that's the goal of every teacher," said Dr. Frucht, "to stimulate interest and the desire to learn."

For Dr. Milton Bruening, one way to stimulate learning is through the research projects he conducts in botany, which led to his winning a MACE award for research.

In recognizing Dr. Bruening's work, both in laboratory research and classroom teaching, Dr. Owens cited "his devotion to the increase of knowledge and understanding through a number of research projects that have demanded thousands of hours of pain-staking work in addition to those hours demanded by his highly regarded classroom teaching."

One of Dr. Bruening's studies involves introducing isolated chromosomes to determine the optimum fusion parameters. This project, labeled "Parasexual Intragenetic Transfer of Genes," explores the role of chlorophyll in plant development. Tobacco stems are used with tissue culture from one plant to fix defective genes in another.

Dr. Bruening is also studying chlorophyll synthesis in variegated Coleus leaves. Another project deals with separating proteins so they can be examined closely on a thin sheet of gel.

Research is an important part of his teaching, says Dr. Bruening, who joined the NWMSU faculty in 1975. "Whenever I find something new, I try to use it in the classroom," he said. "I am sure research helps me teaching, and I try to use what I produce in the classroom."

Marilyn Alloway is the lead operator in computing services. When she joined the staff at

NWMSU 22 years ago, she worked on a very primitive computer using keypunch cards. Now she uses highly complex DEC 11/70, the VAX 11/780 and the modern interactive network that includes the University of Missouri's Amdahl.

"It's a good feeling to be up on modern technology," she said, "especially when the new equipment comes, and you master and learn it."

Registration is also a busy time for Dixie Hasty whose outstanding operation of the student textbook service earned her a MACE award for service.

Dr. Owens credits Mrs. Hasty for the efficiency in distributing and collecting textbooks, as well as ordering and maintaining books for each course.

The textbook service has an inventory of 1,032 different titles of textbook available. The first two weeks of each semester are especially busy when students pick up their textbooks. Extra work is involved when students drop or add courses. Other problems occur when students lose a book or fail to return it. She also orders new books when instructors request a change in textbooks, and some books need to be repaired.

"It's a new beginning each year when school starts," she said, "and that's the hardest part, but it's the best part, too."

Don't do the crime..

by Penny Brown

He looks over his shoulder one last time before jamming the cassette tape into his jacket pocket. Trying to act inconspicuous, he browses around the store some more, casually moving toward the door.

With the recent crackdown on shoplifting, this offender will most likely be caught and prosecuted by the store.

On campus, the Bearcat Bookstore has tried to eliminate the shoplifting problem it has had in the past by keeping a close eye on students as they enter the store.

"I don't think that there has been a big problem (with shoplifting) this year. During the rush when school starts, we put someone at the entrance to make sure people put their belongings on the shelves we provided before entering the store," Bearcat Bookstore Manager Kent Marlow said.

He added that most universities have now adopted this policy.

If a student is caught shoplifting in the bookstore, he will be turned over to campus security, who turns them over to the Maryville Public Safety Department.

Locally, many merchants have also joined with the public safety department in an effort to end shoplifting in Maryville. So far, their effort seems to be a success.

Public Safety Director Larry Jackson said that area stores are becoming more avid than before about watching for shoplifters and

prosecuting them when they are caught.

Although there were 56 arrests for shoplifting in Maryville last year (two of which were turned in by campus safety), Jackson said that there seem to be fewer arrests than in past years.

"Although we have shoplifting almost every day, the number from last year (I don't have exact figures) is down and I hope it will stay down," Jim Stewart, manager of Easter's Family Food Center said.

Lorri Ides, assistant manager of 7-11 in Maryville, said that the number of shoplifters they've caught seems to be down from last year also, although the problem still remains.

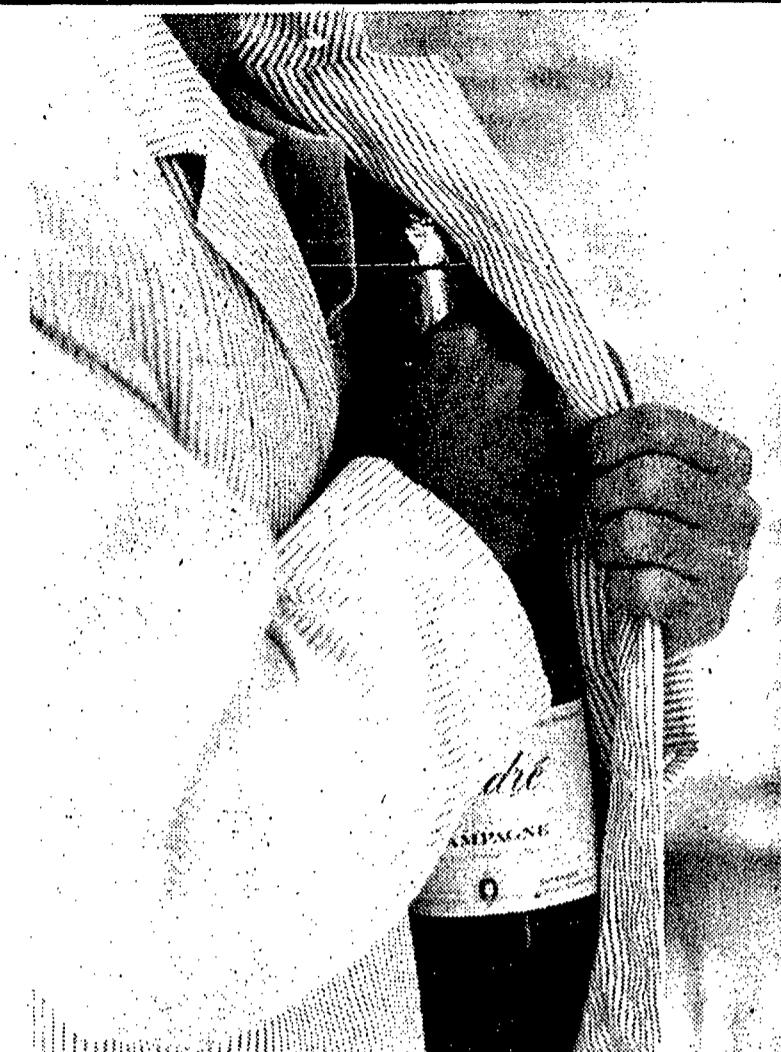
"I still see a definite problem with shoplifting in Maryville," Jackson said. "Although when we were called we made 56 arrests last year, there were probably more crimes of shoplifting than that committed."

The problem of shoplifting increases somewhat with the influx of college students in the fall, he said.

Jackson said he doesn't know of any definite reason for the problem of shoplifting, but that he feels quite a bit of it is due to peer pressure and challenge.

A shoplifter who is caught and prosecuted by a store will be booked and charged with a misdemeanor (in most cases), have a mug shot taken, bond set and will go through court proceedings, according to Jackson.

The local consequences for shoplifting for a first offender are generally



a \$100 fine plus court costs. For a repeat offense, the fine may be double and the offender could possibly serve days in jail, depending upon the case. The maximum allowable punishment is a \$1000 fine, three months in jail, or both.

Most offenders are between the ages of 16 and 24, Jackson said. He advised potential shoplifters to consider the long-term consequences of the act; that a police record for shoplifting could hurt an individual's chances for future jobs.

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Around the Tower

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GENE COTTON ON CAMPUS: Singer and songwriter, Gene Cotton, will perform Sept. 15 in the Charles Johnson Theater at 8 p.m. The concert is free of charge and sponsored by CAPS.

UNIVERSITY CINEMA PRESENTS: Octopussy, at the University Theater, at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 14-17.

PHOTO ART SALE IN UNION: Laser photographs and room decor photos will be on sale in the Student Union from Sept. 14-16. Prices range from \$2 to \$15 and the event is sponsored by CAPS.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS STUDENT MEETING: The NWMSU Industrial Arts Club will hold a new members meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Lounge. All NWMSU students who have completed a course in the Industrial Arts Dept. or are presently enrolled in one are invited. Call 562-1190 for more information.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING AUDITIONS: Sigma Phi Dolphins Swim Club will hold auditions Sept. 15, 22 and 29 from 7-9 p.m. at the Robert P. Foster Aquatic Center. For more information, contact Peggy McCoy, 582-3664; Deb Slump, 582-8616; or Barb Coulter, 582-5385.

BICYCLE TOURING: All persons interested in bicycle touring, please meet with bicycles, weekdays at the campus bell tower at 6 p.m.

Intramural

Flag football, which opened last week, has 51 teams participating including 15 women's teams.

Women's volleyball, another popular intramural sport started Tuesday, Sept. 13, and will run through October. The men's volleyball intramural program begins after the end of the women's program, said Lade, probably beginning in November.

The Battle of Beef, men's tug-of-war, will be Sept. 21 with weigh-ins on Sept. 19 and 20.

For more information about the intramural program, contact Bob Lade, coordinator of intramurals and recreation, Ext. 1606.

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On Wednesday, Sept. 21, a reception for the Board of Regents will be held in the Union lounge at 3:30. Students, faculty and staff are invited.

Why is that announcement on the editorial page? There are two reasons.

One, it is important for students to be aware of what is happening on campus. This reception is for people to get to know the members of the Board.

Students can voice their concerns to these members in a relaxed atmosphere. It is less intimidating to talk to a Board member who has a cookie in his or her hand.

The other reason is basic information. There was no room for this short news item and I felt it was

newsworthy enough to warrant recognition. Besides, I kind of promised Bob Henry, public relations director for Northwest, that it would be in this week's issue.

Which brings me to the most important part of this editorial. If anyone has something they feel should be in the Northwest Missourian, get in touch with me or drop it by McCracken Hall. I can't promise that everything I get will be put in the paper, but I'll give it my best shot.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Dr. B.D. Owens, president of Northwest, for his article. I echo his same thoughts.

Make it a good year.

Alan Cross
Editor

Stroller gets job as Crest Guard

I was walking home from my local hangout the other night around 1:30, thinking about how many changes they'd made in the place. Fancy games, with all those fancy lights that act up for you for a couple of minutes for a quarter. A juke box that pounds out base rifts that rattle the balls on the pool table. Juke boxes, they're like kids and Nancy Reagan - better seen than heard.

Suddenly, I was jolted out of my reverie when I bounded off a big pile of something as I cut under the cracking arches of the bell tower, something that hadn't been there on my way down town.

"Beat it, pal," I heard a gruff, muffled voice order from the blob as I staggered to my feet.

Regaining what posture I'd started with, I found myself confronted by a dull, crater-splattered orb with the stub of a cigarette mashed in its center, the cherry appearing to singe the sparse, unkempt beard encircling it.

"What the hell are you doing?" I

asked, taking a few cautious steps back from the thing, wondering how it could speak.

"Crest guard," he snapped, pulling a Camel bullet out of a dirty windbreaker with a violent gash in the shoulder seam.

"And just what's a 'crest guard'?" I asked. "Hey, can I bum one a those?"

"Certainly, my friend," he said, handing me the pack. I was careful not to touch the filthy paw, which had a strange Clorox smell to it that I couldn't quite place.

"A crest guard," he continued, with an air far too noble for his appearance and fragrant demeanor, "is a person who guards a crest. I should think that would be logical enough."

"Who in their right mind would send anybody out on a night like this to guard a crest?" I asked, glancing between the legs of the chair on which he was piled at the NWMSU seal imbedded into the concrete.

"I have been hired by the administration, naturally," he

answered, spitting on his thumb and forefinger and pinching out what was left of the embers glowing on his face. He looked like he was chewing on a lightning bug. He immediately stuck another smoke in the gap between his cheeks.

"Can I borrow that lighter?" I asked, after he'd lit his own Camel. He flipped the lighter to me. I lit my cigarette and pocketed the lighter. He'd never see it again.

"What's your name?" I asked, taking a deep drag on the tube of white death.

"Stroller, my good man," he answered.

"Well then, why ain't ya strolling nowhere?"

"Well, I'll tell you," Stroller said. "It has come to my attention that to traverse this fine campus, the most beautiful in the state, I'm told, was becoming increasingly more difficult with each passing night. I was beginning to have flashbacks to my stint in 'Nam, where I came across many of the same type of obstacles as to be reckoned with here, on what I'm told is the most beautiful campus in Missouri."

"Ya wouldn't say that if you was ta see it during the day," I said.

"Well, you see," he continued, "I am basically a creature of the night, as they say, coming out during the day-light hours only when absolutely necessary. Primarily only to buy new discs for my Apple II."

"Oh, so you're a computer major," I spat, beginning to understand.

"That is quite correct. My colleagues and I feel that computers are man's next evolutionary step," Stroller said.

Now, I don't know much about computers, but as for evolution, this Stroller goof seemed to me to be a step in the wrong direction.

"So why you guardin' the crest?" I slurred, wishing now that I hadn't tarried at the bar for the infamous three rounds of "one more beer."

"It came to someone's attention," Stroller explained, "that the most

heinous crime perpetrated on this campus to date, with the possible exception of the declination of the suggestion for naming the deli the 'Honorary Phil Hayes Eats and Grins International Food Emporium,' was allowing any Joe or Jane Schmo to traipse all over the school seal, without so much as a how-do-you-do. I heard of the need for a crest guard and immediately applied, naturally perplexed but relieved to find myself the only applicant for the job."

"What made ya wanna do somethin' like that?" I wondered. The pay certainly couldn't be any good. None of the other employees of the school got paid what they were worth, with the possible exception of a nameless few who, I'd been told, were the most over-compensated in Missouri. You know who I mean, the important people no student ever sees, the people more annoying than even a juke box. At least with a juke box you get pretty lights along with the noise, and you can dance if you want too...

"Why did I accept this position?" Stroller asked, rephrasing my question. "I did it for various reasons. Certainly, the pay isn't good. However, my analyst said the job might help me to alleviate some of my intense feelings of guilt."

"You see," he said, leaning closer and shooting a nervous glance around him, "I myself, and my father before me, have oft-times strolled this campus. And," he whispered, "I have more than once walked upon the very sacred seal you see below me, never once glancing down to pay my respects, my eyes always fixed on this fine erection."

"So, um," I said, slowly backing away, "how long you gonna be here?"

"As long as it takes," Stroller sighed, "as long as it takes."

I turned and ran, leaving Stroller sitting there, hands thrust deeply into his over-sized pants and thoughtfully staring beneath his feet, as if into a pool of deep memories, at the crest.

Greetings:

I am pleased to have the opportunity in this the first issue of the 1983-84 Northwest Missourian to welcome new and returning students to the fall semester on the Northwest campus. You have enrolled at a University on the move, a University dedicated to excellence, and a University devoted to giving you every opportunity to develop your talents and explore your interests.

We hope you will take advantage of the many avenues available to intellectual, social and cultural growth. Northwest is fortunate to have a highly qualified faculty to provide the challenges necessary to encourage you to reach for your full potential.

Our faculty and staff are here to serve you. Please use the wide variety of services available to you on this campus to help you achieve your goals. My great hope is that you will set your sights high and that you will develop a realistic plan that will permit realization of your aspirations and motivate you to new horizons of academic accomplishment.

Make it a great year.

B.D. Owens
President

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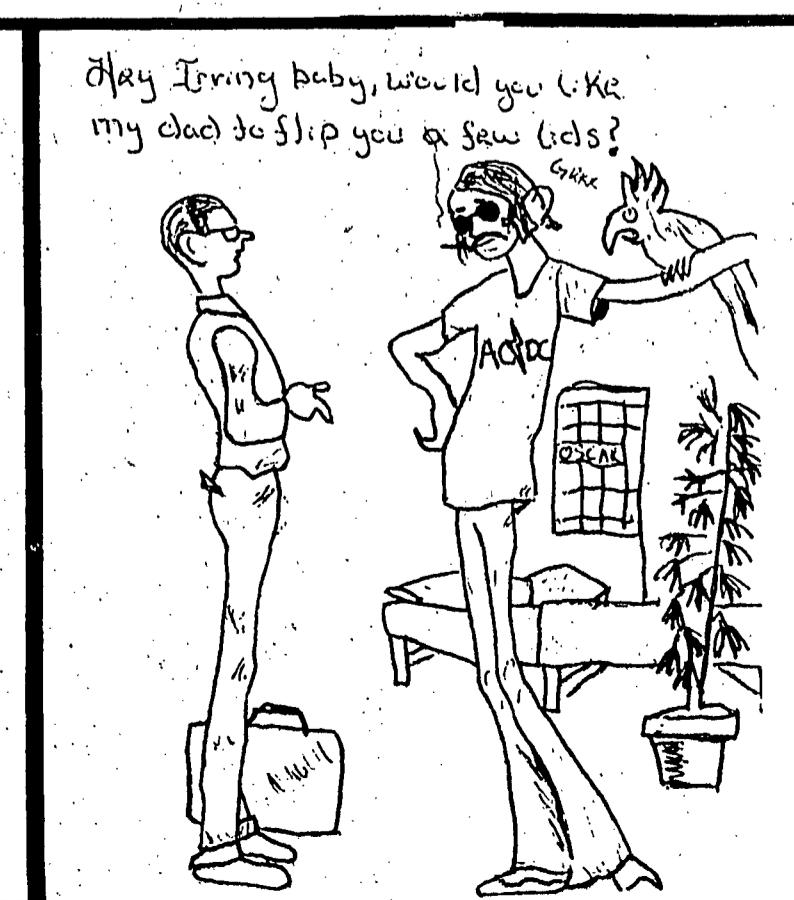
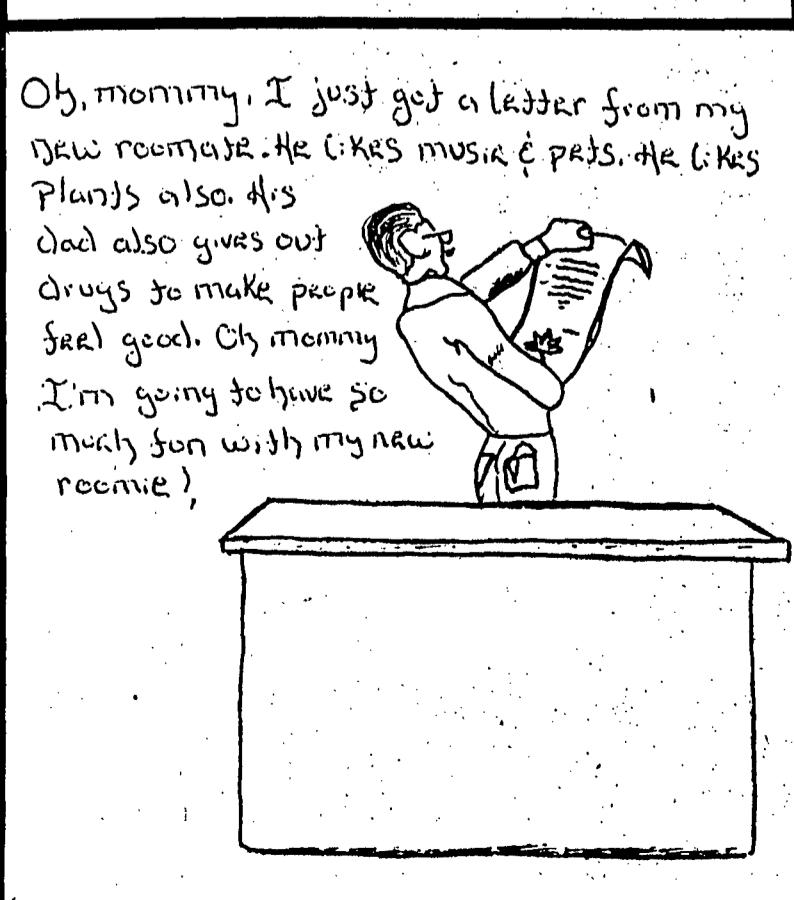
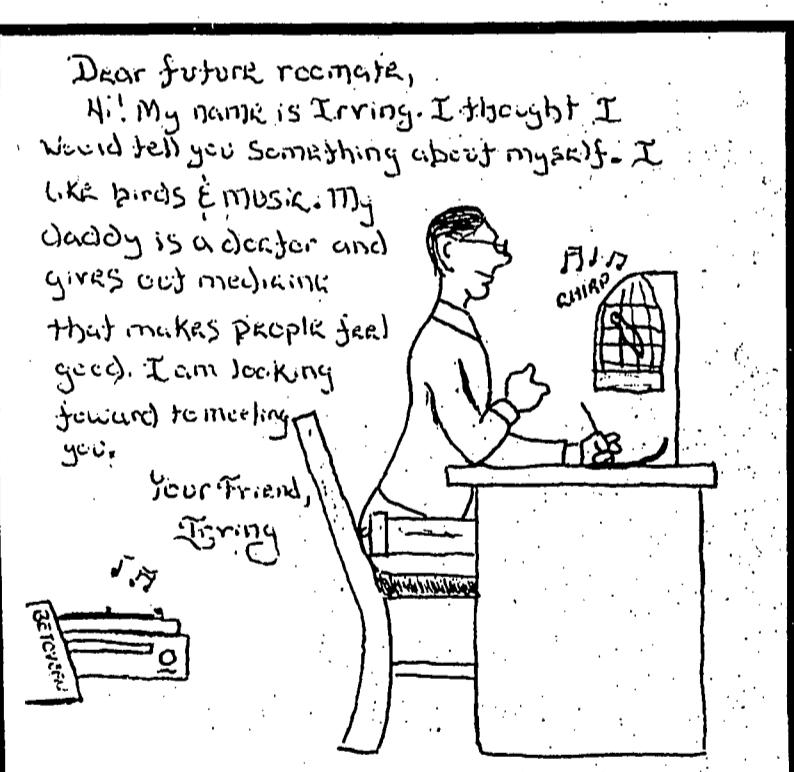
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Morgan felt school would not help him

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thought the school would not help him; so he took matters into his own hands," Morgan's friend said. "I don't know how he put up with it that long."

Morgan's friend said Morgan was a quiet type of individual and had never done anything like that before.

"I am not saying that because Morgan is gone," he said. "I am saying that because it is true."

Bill Dizney, head of specialized student services, echoed those same comments about Morgan.

"Morgan had no disciplinary problems to my knowledge," Dizney said. "Morgan felt that he was being harassed and was being prevented from studying. Morgan was very serious about getting his degree."

Dizney said that he didn't even

know that Morgan was in town when he was killed.

"Morgan never told me, and apparently didn't inform any other people that he had to spend those two weekends in jail," Dizney said. "In fact, Morgan didn't say anything about his trial or his sentence."

Dizney said that when he was first told about Morgan's death, it was simply that Morgan had died in jail. Then the rumors started going around.

"They (the police) finally came out and said that Morgan had been beaten by the other inmates in the cell," Dizney said.

Tony Alburime, a Nigerian student, said he was greatly disturbed by the circumstances around Morgan's

death, but was not frightened by it.

"I had no fear for my safety," Alburime said. "Fear can bring negative feelings and draw problems to you."

Alburime said that the only thing he is worried about is the outcome of the trial.

"Justice should be done to send out the right message to the few wrong elements that this community abhors anyone of the community being killed- black, Indonesian or American," Alburime said.

Funeral services were held for Morgan in Kansas City, Mo. On the Northwest campus, a special bell-ringing memorial service was held with about 100 people attending.

Six campaign for freshmen offices

by Teresa Schuelke

A campus-wide election for a freshman president and two freshman senators will be held Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Union and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Taylor Commons for all freshmen with a valid college I.D.

Brad Burns, a freshman candidate for president, said, "I would like to unite all the freshmen. The statistics state that over half of the freshmen class will drop out next semester. I would like to beat the statistics and keep them in school."

Presidential hopeful Christine Robinson said, "I hope to get the freshmen more involved. I would place more freshmen on the committees in the Senate."

"Most of the freshmen aren't aware of what is going on, such as upcoming events," Robinson said. "I would like to enrich their knowledge and get them together," said the third presidential candidate, C.B. Tony. "Northwest has the reputation of being a boring campus, and I would like to change that."

Pete Gose, a senatorial candidate,

said, "I feel the Senate is a link between the faculty. I think I could be an asset to the Senate."

Ilse Straub would like the freshman Senate seat, and wants to get the freshmen more involved. "I want to get the freshmen interested and if they had any complaints, bring them to me," said Curt Sloan, Senate hopeful. He continues, "I will initiate the action in the Senate and try to get something done. I want to get more freshmen input into the Senate and not let the upperclassmen have all the say."

New bridge gets Senate approval

by Curt Floerchinger

Plans for resurfacing and widening Highway 71 from the Iowa border to a point 9 miles south into Missouri are being considered, Senate faculty advisor Dr. Roger Corley told the Senate at the Sept. 13 meeting.

The highway is the primary road used by students traveling between Iowa and the University. "For those not familiar with the road," Senate President Roxanne Swaney commented, "students have been killed either running off the road, or hitting a certain concrete bridge when coming back late at night from Clarinda."

Corley said the project would take up to 5 years to complete at a cost of up to \$5 million. Corley said highway officials are considering whether to put in detours or bridge points or install bypasses in those areas. The bridges will be replaced in either case. Corley said that the narrow one-way bridges would take the most time to fix.

"We got up a petition for revisions," Swaney said, "and they put up signs and painted the bridge (on which students have been killed) with reflective paint. I guess they've finally decided to do something about it."

When asked if any road work would be done in Iowa, Corley said, "The roads are pretty good in Iowa."

This is all in Missouri. They make them pay taxes in Iowa."

In further Senate business from the past two sessions, Roxanne Swaney reported that \$1,612.72 from the special project fund appropriated at the end of last year had not been processed in time, and the money had therefore been placed in the General Fund. The money will be awarded out of this year's budget.

The Harambee organization is planning a midnight carnival for Nov. 18, at Lamkin Gym. Any organization interested will be able to set up a booth, such as darts or free-throw games, and each organization will keep the profits from their

specific booth. Any interested groups are asked to send two representatives to a meeting Oct. 20 at 4:30 in the Governor's Room, located in the Union.

Dr. Roger Corley was elected a third consecutive two-year term as a Senate faculty advisor. Before leaving the room for the private discussion and voting, Corley was asked to comment.

"I enjoy it," Corley said. "I think I contribute to the Senate. I was the one that brought up the point about the bridge tonight. I'll obey the Sergeant-at-Arms, if that's required," he concluded, alluding to previous discussion of the responsibilities of that Senate position.

Discussion following Corley's dismissal for the voting centered on his actual value to the Senate. There were both pro and con remarks, with a few members saying they deemed some of his comments unnecessary. Others commented on the fact that he had already served two terms, and that it might be time for him to step down.

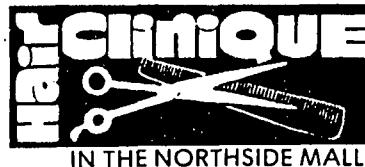
Most of those present, however, felt that Corley was a benefit to the Senate, mentioning his title as a political science and history professor and his knowledge of government dealings as positive points.

Voting for Corley's acceptance was nearly unanimous, with only one dissenting vote. On being informed of the outcome, Corley's reply was a short, "I'll try to be good."

The Senate voted to enter the jalopy contest and enter a queen candidate for homecoming. Jill Protzman was elected as Senate representative.

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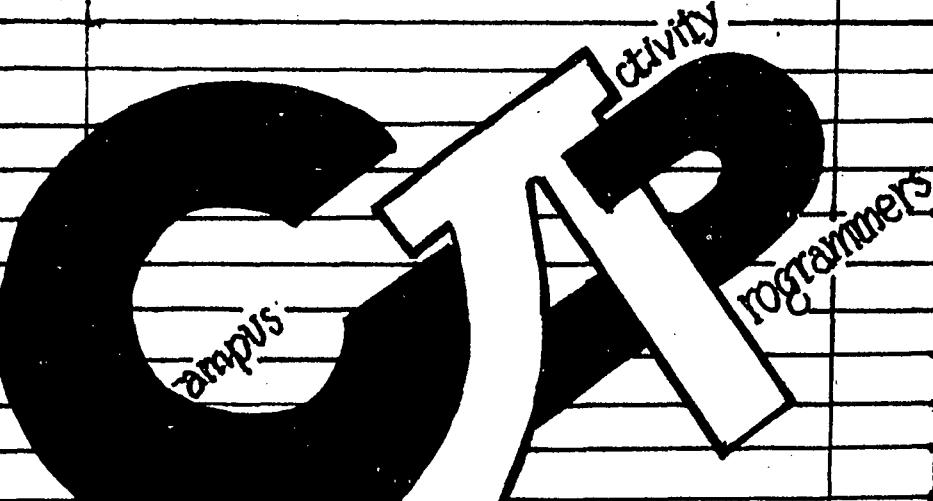
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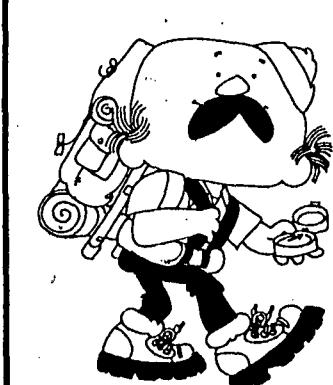
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It happens every day. Someone somewhere on campus can be heard to grumble that "there is nothing to do around here." But, if students were to look around, they would find that the Northwest campus and the city of Maryville actually have a lot to offer.

On campus, there are several activities planned for students and many of these can be found in the dormitories. Each hall organizes floor activities on a regular basis, including intramural sports, exercise classes and floor parties. Notices of campus fraternity and sorority events are also posted in the dorm halls for all of those who can afford to "break away from the books" long enough to take part in them.

The Olive De Luce Fine Arts Center is located on the south side of the campus and provides students with the opportunity to become better acquainted with the arts through theater productions, musical recitals and art exhibits.

The Performing Arts season opens Sept. 29 with the Missouri Repertory Theater presenting "The Importance of Being Earnest." Considered one of the wittiest plays ever written, this Oscar Wilde play is a spoof of upper-class British eccentricities.

The Lyric Opera of Kansas City will present "La Perichole" on Oct. 27. This will be an English version of Jacques Offenbach's popular comic opera and will be presented by a group noted for its fine voices and lively staging.

Also this fall the husband and wife piano duo of James and Julie Rivers will present a recital for two pianos on Dec. 6 in the theater.

All performances will be at 8 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater of the Fine Arts Center and tickets are available in advance at the J.W. Jones office. On the night of the performance, tickets will go on sale at 7:15 p.m. at the theater ticket office.

Also held in the theater this fall will be several recitals of campus music faculty, students and performance ensembles as well as NWMSU campus theater productions of "Everyman" and Bernard Slade's "Tribute." These will be followed in the spring by a series of one-act plays and Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park."

The Fine Arts Building also includes an art gallery with a variety of exhibits on display. Through Sept. 23, the gallery will feature a Photographics Traveling Exhibit from Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Wash. The collection includes approximately fifty prints of silver, hand coloring, color photographs, dye transfers, handmade paper, palladium, collage, non-silver, Kwik-print, infrared, straight and multiple imagery.

The athletic students of campus can also enjoy themselves by making use of the facilities for swimming, tennis, racquetball, basketball, volleyball and indoor or outdoor running tracks. Those students who prefer to observe rather than participate will enjoy attending Bearcat football games, as well as Bearkitten volleyball matches this fall.

When it comes time to get away from campus for awhile, students need look no further than the city of Maryville to enjoy themselves.

Movie buffs will find a variety of choices at one of the three local theaters. The Missouri Twin Cinema, 118 N. Main St., shows two different

movies nightly beginning at 7:45 and 8 p.m. on separate levels of the building. The Tivoli Theater, West Third Street, is open seven days a week showing movies at approximately 8:15 and 9:30 p.m. [X, double X and triple X flicks are often

featured here.] The South Cinema Drive-in, south on Highway 71, is open from early May to late October showing two movies each evening beginning at 8:20 p.m.

NWMSU also runs currently popular films at reduced student rates in the Horace Mann Learning Center auditorium. These shows begin at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday through Sunday.

For the video game fans who can't get enough of the activity in the campus arcade of the Student Union, there are arcades featuring both video games and pool tables at Amusements III, S. Main and Torrence streets, and Stascade, N. Main St.

The 21-and-older crowd of students should investigate the many local nightclubs and bars in the city.

The Monkey Tree Lounge, 1446 S. Main St.; Zipp's Place, 1618 E. First St.; the Pub, 414 N. Main St.; the Shady Lady, 301 N. Market St.; the Silver Spur, 424 N. Buchanan St., and the Palms, 422 N. Buchanan St., provide a happy hour with reduced drink prices, music and dance areas.

When looking for a relaxing break from campus life, students might check out the many small shops, department stores and mini-malls, as well as the several local restaurants and fast food establishments located up and down Main Street.

Any of the 12 city parks also provide a relaxing atmosphere for picnics, nature walks and even studying.

Several of these feature basketball and tennis courts, ball diamonds, picnic tables and lots of shade trees. Beal Park, Laura and Seventh streets, is the location of the city pool which is open during the summer months.

If you enjoy fishing, or just sitting by the water, you can try the small campus pond, but you'll probably have better luck at the Nodaway Lake, north of Maryville on Highway 148. Along with fishing, the lake also becomes quite a popular weekend party center during the fall and spring for students escaping the dorms.

Students who just can't stand still will enjoy the Skate Country Roller

Rink, north on Highway 71. It offers college skate night on Wednesday from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., two sessions on Friday from 7:9 p.m. and 9:11 p.m. and two sessions on Saturday from 2:4 p.m. and 9:11 p.m.

The Nodaway Bowling Lanes, Fifth and Market streets, offers both league and open lanes for interested bowlers. NWMSU has a six-lane bowling alley on the first floor of the student union.

With all of these activities nearby, students should never again have to grumble about having nothing to do. After all, there's always studying.



THE NORTHWEST CELEBRATION show choir has been selected to entertain at the Nebraska Music Educators Convention Oct. 27. The 29 members were selected from nearly 100 auditioners during the first week of classes. They are under the direction of Rick Weymuth. They rehearse

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and have spent one full weekend working with a professional choreographer to prepare dance routines for the convention performance. [Missourian Photo by Kim Potts]

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Northwest students experience Russian culture firsthand

By Karna Michalski

When American's think of the Soviet Union, rivalry and nuclear defense come to mind. But when sixteen NWMSU students and faculty members had the opportunity to tour Russia this summer, they learned first hand how friendly the Communist citizens can be.

Dr. Richard Frucht, assistant professor of history, organized and lead the tour. According to Frucht all the students raised money needed for the trip through private funds. The cost of the May 11-26 trip was \$1,600 per student.

"We saw just about everything a person can see in two weeks, it was completely successful," Frucht said. He began planning the tour a year ago.

"It's a fascinating country, deep in history," said Frucht, who majored in Eastern European History in graduate school.

The major cities toured were Kiev, Moscow, Leningrad and Tallin.

Frucht said he allowed the students to explore hotels and restaurants so they could meet and converse with Russian citizens.

While in Tallin, Sandy Berndt, graduate student and Lauri Roland, assistant graduate student, spoke to some of the native citizens. Berndt and Roland weren't able to question the Russians in much length because of their extreme interest in the United States.

"They [the Russians] were constantly asking us questions about our country. They would evade some of our questions we had for them," Roland said, "because of their political nature."

Roland and Berndt said the Russians seemed most interested in courses that were offered at Nor-

thwest, how the American group paid for the trip to Russia and what television shows are aired in the U.S.

Frucht said the Russian government only airs American programs that show American corruption, such as the series "Kojak" and "Dallas". All the television programs and books are censored and the citizens are told only what the government wants them to know.

Randy Wheeler, graduate student, said he heard on a Moscow radio station that the U.S. allegedly had planned to drop a nuclear bomb on Russia on April 1, 1941. Wheeler said he heard the U.S. constantly "being slammed on the Moscow radio station."

"It's a fascinating country, deep in history."

When asked how the citizens of Russia dressed compared to the U.S., Roland and Berndt laughed and said,

"They try really hard to be fashionable." Roland said that since the media can't advertise, the Russians have little knowledge of what the modern styles are in the western world. "All they know is what they see on American television programs shown there."

Roland and Berndt said some Russian citizens wanted to buy their clothes. The most wanted items by the Russians were jeans, watches and jackets. No students would sell their clothing to the Russians. "You're

always being watched. You don't know by who, but you can bet you are," Roland said. She said she thought the citizens could get into trouble by the Soviet State Security if they were caught buying clothes from tourists.

Soviet food was another strange experience for the group. Frucht said the food was excellent. They were fed three full course meals a day. Their diet was basically made up of beef, chicken and fish.

The only commercialized food the American students saw was a Burger King in Helsinki, Fanta softdrink and Pepsi-cola.

"About all we drank was warm Pepsi," Roland said. "Ice cubes are a rare treat there, because the water is too contaminated to freeze and use in drinks; even the beer was served warm."

"I was so glad to get back to New York and see some familiar signs...written in English," added Roland.

The students interviewed all agreed the Russian's subway system was very impressive. "New York's subway was so dirty. They kept the subways in Russia clean," Roland said.

"Their subways have little museum-like displays. The walls, floors and ceilings are all made of marble too," Wheeler said.

"The trip was worth every penny, I would love to go back and see some things again," Berndt added, "but I don't want to go back to Moscow. It was too big, too much like New York."

Frucht said the students that went on the tour received two credit hours for history. He hopes to make definite plans for the next trip to be to Greece and Egypt. He said the purpose of the trip was for the students "to see and experience as much as Russian life and history as possible."

"What these students learned talking to the Soviet citizens for six to eight hours is more than they will ever learn in a classroom."



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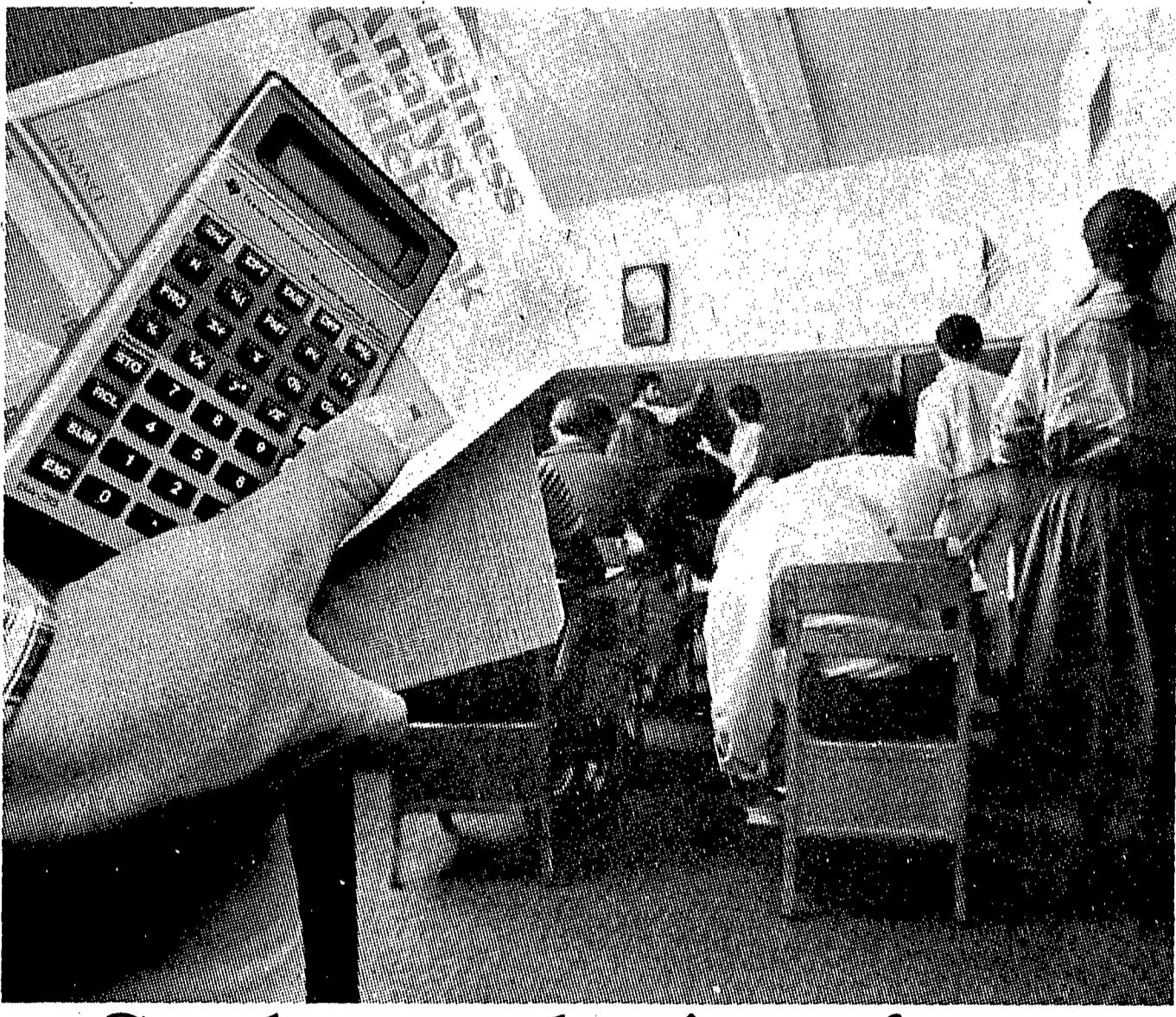
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Laurie Engle crowned Missouri Queen, Calls State Fair competition tough

By Lisa Blair

If winning the title of Miss Nodaway County was amazing to Laurie Engle, then just imagine her excitement at winning the Miss Missouri State Fair Queen title.

Engle, a 20-year-old broadcasting major from Hopkins, became interested in competition when one of her employers from KXCV radio recommended her to the Jaycees for sponsorship in the county contest held last summer.

"I didn't know what to expect or what to do," Engle said.

She then began to look for people who could help her plan for the competition.

Richard Weymuth, a music director here, offered to help her with the talent portion of the event by directing her solo, "New York, New York".

She won \$50 in the county-wide competition and she received backing from the Jaycees and the Business and Professional Women for the state competition.

The state competition was held in Sedalia this August. Engle's main reason for competing was the \$1000 scholarship.

She ran against 44 other contestants. Six judges scored them in interview, evening gown, swim suit and talent competitions.

"There was a lot of excellent talent," Engle said. "The competition was tough."

Engle found out that state competition differed from local. "It was easy to spot those who had competed often," she said, "and there was no swimsuit competition at Nodaway county."

Engle felt that her broadcasting experience helped her in the competition.

"Everything was 'off the cuff' during the competition. I was so used to doing interviews myself that it was weird just being on the other side," Engle said.

"But it was all about me so it wasn't hard to do."

In turn, she feels winning the title will help her career. "It should have a very good effect on getting internships or jobs in broadcasting," she said.

Engle said that other girls were surprised when someone from this area of the state won. She assumed it was because there are more of these contests nearer to where the state fair is held.

Engle's responsibilities as queen range from being a "good-will ambassador" to the public to attending promotional functions and joining a

two-day aerial tour of the state.

She stated that the recognition was

the hardest part to get used to. "Strangers make a point to talk to you."

In addition to winning the \$1000 scholarship, Engle received a large oil portrait of herself, merchandise and various gift certificates. She also met the members from the groups Alabama and the Oak Ridge Boys during the fair.

At NWMSU, she is a member of the Northwest Celebration, Tower Choir, Sigma Delta Chi Fraternity for Professional Journalists and holds the office of treasurer in the Sigma Alpha Iota Professional Music Fraternity for Women. She is also the city editor for KXCV radio.

Despite all this, she is considering working around her schedule in order to run for the Miss Missouri title.

"I'll try not to get my hopes up," she said. "But then, I never dreamed I'd win these other titles, either."



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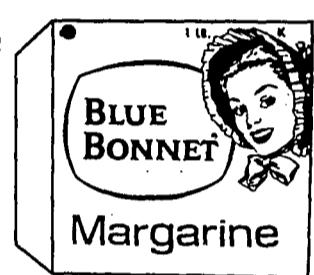
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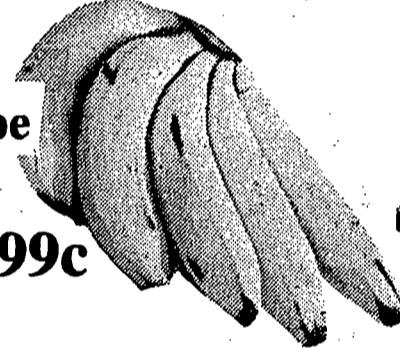


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Bearkitten spikers rallies spikers to victories

The Bearkitten volleyball team improved their record to 4-1 Tuesday night with wins against Simpson and Graceland colleges. The team realized two important victories over Doane and Peru State in its season opener but lost to the University of Nebraska-Omaha last Saturday.

The Bearkitten's serving game accounts for much of their success thus far. Against Graceland, Northwest had nine aces in 18 serves during the first game. In the second game they had 7 more aces with only two errors.

In their two wins over Graceland, 15-3 and 15-13, Kelly Greenlee ran her serving streak to 47 before erring in the second game. Freshman Jill Tallman broke the second set 13-13 tie with two consecutive ace serves to give Northwest the game and the match.

Against Simpson, the Bearkitten serving game accounted for 16 of their 30 points. Greenlee extended her consecutive errorless serving streak to 44. Sherri Miller served three aces and led the team in assists with eight. Tallman led the team in

kills with five, and Ronda Vanous had a team-high of five digs, a block, three kills and an ace.

After the victories, Head Coach Susie Homan said, "Everyone had a chance to play against Simpson, and I saw some good play out of the younger players. In the Graceland match, the first game was an easy victory, but in the second game they came back. We played with intensity and pulled out the win. It was a good team effort."

Last Saturday's match against the

University of Nebraska-Omaha saw the Bearkittens lose all three games, 16-14, 15-4 and 15-11.

Mary Beth Bishop led the Bearkittens with seven kills, while Kelly Greenlee, Dixie Westcott and Jill Tallman each totaled three kills against UNO.

Susie Thomas had two solo blocks and 16 out of 19 errorless serve receptions. Greenlee had eight assists and ten errorless serves with two aces. Westcott contributed seven of the team's 18 digs.

In the Sept. 7 season opener, Northwest notched two big wins over Doane and Peru State in games at Lamkin Gymnasium.

The Bearkittens defeated Doane 15-5, 9-15, 15-4, and rolled over Peru State 15-7, and 15-10.

Head coach Susie Homan said, "I thought we played well for our first match. The girls were a little tense at the beginning, but once they relaxed, they played well for the first match."

Teamwise, the Bearkittens had 22 aces. Sherri Miller had 26 assists, and Kelly Greenlee had 23, Mary Beth Bishop lead in kills with 18, followed by Dixie Westcott with 13.

"One of our goals is the being in the final MIAA conference tournament," Homan said. "We want to progress and gain playing experience, which is an important factor towards the end of the year."

Homan said that she has a positive outlook for the season.

Kittens place third in classic

24:15 and Jackie Hayes, 27th, 25:29.

"We're at a disadvantage because we've probably got one of the youngest teams in the conference," said Medford. "All the other schools are much more experienced than we are. They ran road races during the summer and they have more of an endurance base than we do. They've worked on their speed a little more. I think in years down the road we'll be as strong as they are. We'll be able to beat them too later on."

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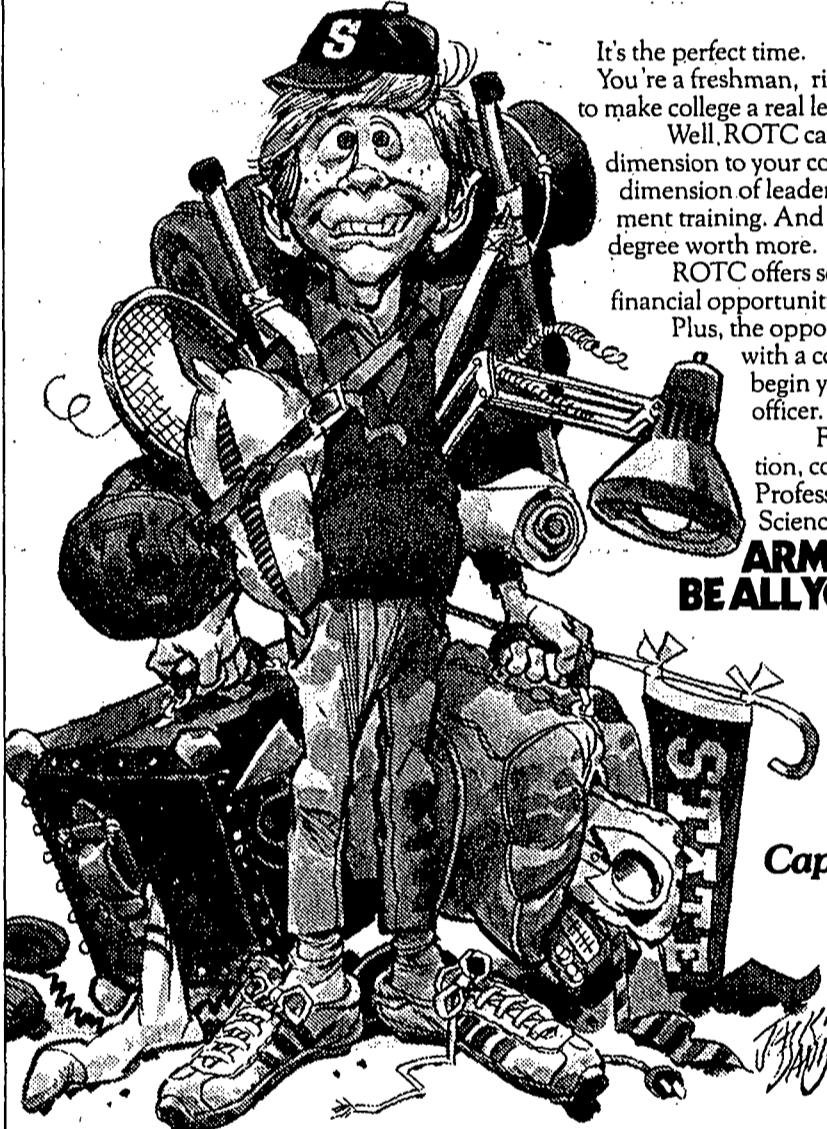
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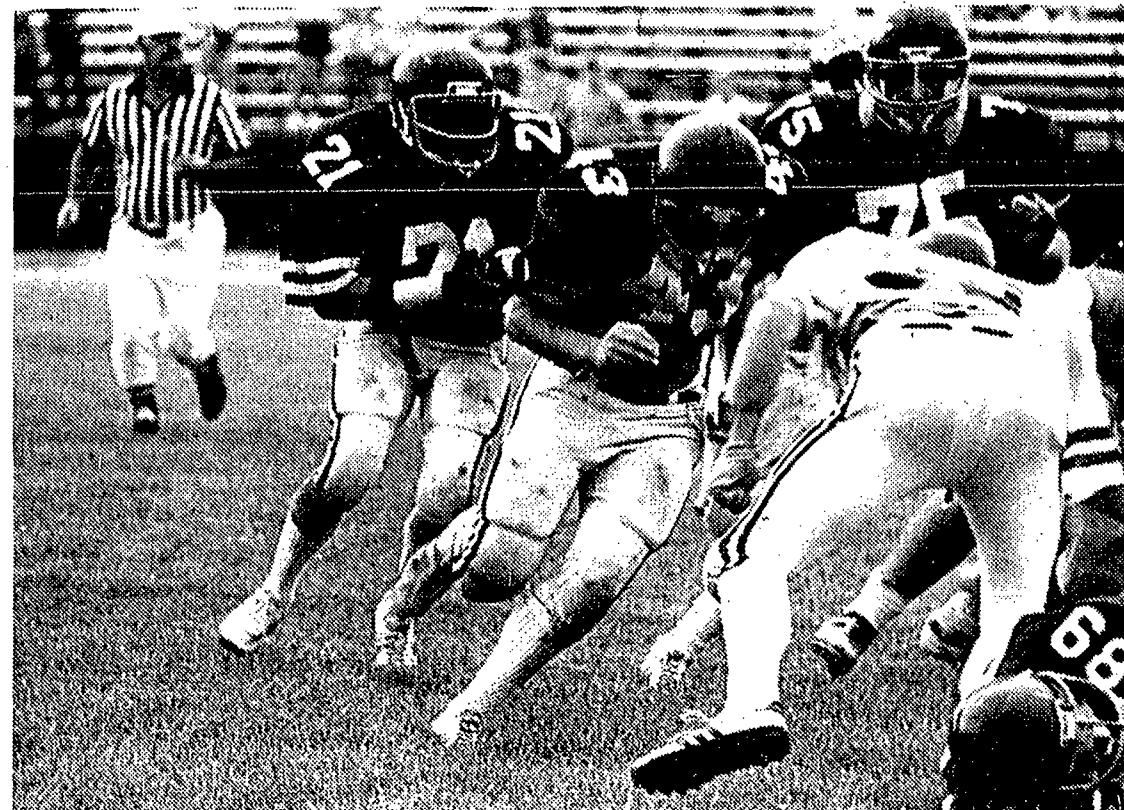
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Bearcats beat Morningside on Sestak field goal



Sophomore Steve Sestak's 19-yard field goal with just seven seconds remaining in the game lifted the Bearcats to a 27-25 decision over the Morningside College Maroon Chiefs Sept. 3 in Sioux City, Iowa. It was Sestak's field goal of 26 yards last season that gave the Bearcats a 23-20 win in the last game of the season against these same Chiefs.

Sestak's game-winning field goal put an end to a frustrating beginning for the Bearcats. Morningside put the first points on the board on a 8-yard touchdown run by Mitch Johnson. The kick by Dave Chop was good and Morningside led early 7-0 with 12:26 left in the first quarter. Morningside added a 37-yard field goal by Chop which gave them a 10-0 lead and a good chance to run away with the game.

Not to be denied a chance, the Bearcats finally broke the plane of the end zone when quarterback Doug Ruse connected on a pass to tight end Keith Nelson that covered 15 yards. Sestak's extra point was good and pulled the Bearcats within 3 points, 10-7, late in the first quarter.

Morningside again increased their lead to a 10-point margin when Jim Gibson connected to Scott Schoaf on a 2-yard pass play. Chop's extra point now made the score 17-7 early in the second quarter.

The Bearcats answered back again when tailback Irvin "Ivory" Griffin was off to the races on a 35-yard run finishing his trek into the end zone. Sestak's kick brought the Bearcats within a field goal 17-14 with 7:52 remaining in the second quarter. That was all either team could muster the rest of the half, in what was now a very close ball game.

Bearcat mania seemed to be the presence felt in the third quarter. Within a minute of the third quarter, Sestak kicked a 34-yard field goal, knotting the score at 17-17. Neither team scored for the rest of the quarter and early into the fourth quarter. This was true until the Bearcats made a move and scored midway through the quarter. The play was a 2-yard run by quarterback Brian Quinn. Sestak's kick enabled the Bearcats to take a 24-17 advantage and their first lead of the night.

Morningside struck back, not to be outdone after leading most of the game. After grinding out the clock, they made their move. Scoring on a 9-yard pass from Schoaf, Gibson pulled Morningside to within 1 point, 24-23. Instead of a tie, Morningside went for the win, successfully completing the two-point conversion.

This gave them a win which would be a first since the first of last season. But the rest of the final two minutes is all history. The Bearcats marched downfield grinding out the yards and playing the clock until they got into field goal range where Sestak hit the winning field goal. Call it an omen, call it a coincidence, but Morningside fell prey to a field goal once again.

Offensively, the Bearcats had a very good game. In the passing department, Doug Ruse completed 8-15 for 120 yards and a touchdown. Brian Quinn hit on 5-15 for 92 yards. In rushing, Ivory Griffin was the big gainer running for 132 yards on 17 carries. Quinn, the Bearcat quarterback, was the second leading rusher on the team with 53 yards on eight carries. In the receiving corps, Keith Nelson caught the ball six times for 79 yards and a touchdown while Steve Hansley had four receptions for 77 yards. Overall, the Bearcats totaled 402 yards on offense compared to 353 by Morningside.

As any coach will tell you, it feels great to win that first game, whether it is a coaching debut or just an ordinary game and Coach Thomsen is no exception.

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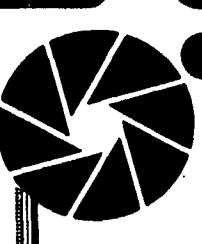
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